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**Marfa Border Patrol Seizes \$24 Million In Drugs**  
*Sierra Blanca Checkpoint Gets Cocaine, Marijuana*

**MARFA, Texas** – Border Patrol Agents from the Marfa Sector seized more than \$23 million in cocaine and \$1 million in marijuana from one truck at the Sierra Blanca Checkpoint Tuesday night. The drug load included 721 pounds of cocaine and 1,320 pounds of marijuana.

The truck driver was a citizen of Cuba. The trailer contained a load of ceramic tile but mixed in with the load were cardboard boxes containing the cocaine and the marijuana. The trailer had been picked up in El Paso and was allegedly destined for Georgia.

The truck, driver and narcotics were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration in El Paso.

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